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In re Patent Application of

Masayoshi SHIGA, et al. Date: October 20, 2003
Serial No.: 09/942,153 Group Art Unit: 2812
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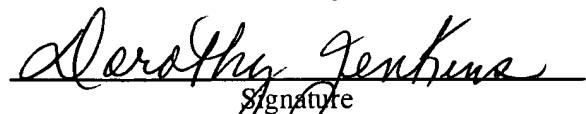
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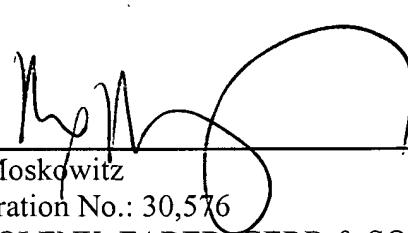


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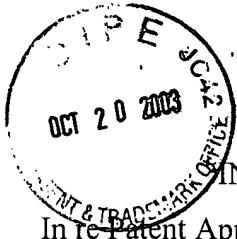
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT/SUBMISSION

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed in the above-identified application.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

FEE CALCULATION

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